

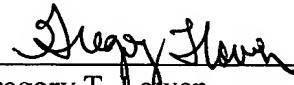
Remarks

Original claims 1-3 have been canceled. New claims 4-24 have been added. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced by the addition of the new claims. After entry of this amendment, claims 4-24 will be pending.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

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